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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Relations with Munitions Division, Department of State

1. On 22 August I took up with Mr. Bryan a special problem arising out of CIA operations which fall within the jurisdiction of the Munitions Division. Mr. Bryan informed me that he is due to leave very shortly to become Consul General in Glasgow, Scotland. Initially his position would be filled by his Deputy, Robert Margrave, who is familiar with most of the problems which CIA has required assistance on from the Munitions Division. Mr. Bryan's replacement will be a Mr. Ed Ward, who is returning from the Far East, and he will take over after some leave.

2. Mr. Bryan said he felt it would be most useful to have Mr. Ward briefed on so much of the CIA problems as would be needed to assist CIA. I agreed, and Mr. Bryan said he would leave a memorandum asking Mr. Ward to get in touch with me shortly after he takes over the Munitions Division.

3. Mr. Bryan has been most helpful and cooperative during his tour of duty there, but he pointed out that when he first took over, he had been quite dubious about the CIA matters, and not until he had been pretty thoroughly briefed had he felt in a position to give the assistance which he has consistently given since.

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